

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

DECEMBER 13, 2010 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were: Doug Ballou, Rob Guttridge, CC Environmental Services; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Craig Lyons, Council for the Homeless; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Jim Fisher, Fern Prairie; Dick Clairmont, Railroad Advisory Board; Pete Mayer, Van/Clark Parks; Jeff Mize, CC Public Works; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands; Julie Arenz, NE Hazel Dell; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Jim & Marelyn Curtis, Truman; Henry Hughes, East Minnehaha; Barbara Anderson, North Salmon Creek; Milada Allen, Felida.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Doug mentioned that he sent a letter on behalf of NACCC per our request to CMAC recommending Sue Lintz and Milada Allen as representatives to their organization.

Doug announced that since the last meeting he sent a letter to the Clark County Board of Commissioners regarding NACCC's support for the new Health Chapter being prepared by CC Health Department for the next comp plan.

There will be a workshop on the Aging Readiness Plan – Healthy Communities on January 20 from 2-4 p.m. Location to be announced.

ROB GUTTRIDGE – CC Environmental Services – Their department is starting a prevention program to reduce the amount of pathogens in our water. They are concentrating on neighborhoods cleaning up after their dogs by providing plastic bags, signs to put on citizens' lawns that ask to "scoop" and large signs for neighborhoods urging citizens to pick up after their dogs.

CRAIG LYONS – Council for the Homeless – Their mission is to end the "hopelessness of homelessness" by educating, planning, and providing support services for the homeless. Their emergency shelter clearing house's centralized number is 360-695-9677. They can broadcast employment and housing availability over a community voice mail system which offers free voice mail to the homeless. They now have 547 transitional housing units and approximately 400 permanent housing opportunities available today. Clark County has approximately 230 less homeless as figured from the last census. To see their 10- year plan, log on to their website www.icfth.com and at the bottom you can create an account and give them feedback and comments about the plan. On January 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., they are hosting a "Project Homeless Connect" sponsored by the VA and would very much like to have volunteers to help direct attendees to the right area for services they need. Volunteers will have a 2-hour training period. To volunteer, call 360-993-9570.

Susan Gilbert – Re-tooling the code – Susan reported briefly on the Planning Commission hearing held November 18. She was disappointed that more citizens

did not attend, including NACCC members. She is concerned that the re-tooled codes are not presenting themselves as more concise nor easier to understand. There ensued a discussion with our Planning Commission members, George Vartanian and Milada Allen, about the process and some of the plusses and minuses. There was some concern in the group that citizens feel shut out of the process and are somewhat intimidated by it. Another concern was that input to staff was heavily weighted toward the development side, specifically DEAB, and less from the citizens' side. Susan again urged them to log on to www.roc.clark.wa.gov to familiarize themselves with those codes that may affect their neighborhoods or those codes that have been a problem in the past. She asked that they forward any concerns to her (sag2600@yahoo.com) and she would be sure they got to the right person. The BOCC hearing date for Batch 2A will be January 11 at 10:00 a.m. The next Planning Commission meeting will cover Batch 2B issues and will be held on January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER NEWS

Pete Mayer – Van/Clark Parks – The Blue Ribbon Commission meeting will be January 6 from 3:30 to 5 pm, location to be announced.

Terra Heiman – Waste Connections – They are willing to come to NA meetings to give presentation about recycling and general waste reduction.

Andrew Ness – Port of Vancouver – Their commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 9:30-11 am. Their newsletter is now out.

Jim Fisher – Fern Prairie – They will be getting into action next month.

Milada Allen – Felida – They are planning for the July 4 celebration and partnering with other NA which makes the celebration more of a community-oriented one. They stopped Cougar Creek Park from becoming just another development. Clark Conservation District received funds for watershed improvements and are looking for some open-space grants. Milada and Sue Lintz are the liaisons to the CMAC vets organization but have not heard from them. Her NA bought back packs, toys and books for the upcoming Hazel Dell Xmas party. The Clark County veterans' assistance is up and running.

Jeff Mize – CC Public Works – The BOCC budget has funds to restore parks maintenance which was welcomed by all in the room.

Steve Abramson – Pleasant Highlands – The NA had 40 people at their meeting with Mike McCabe of CC Sheriff's Office, the fire department, and Steve Schulte of CC Traffic as speakers.

Julie Arenz – NE Hazel Dell – They are gearing up for 700 kids for the annual Xmas party. They raised \$700 hosting a pancake breakfast. They had 25 volunteers to wrap gifts. This Thursday the fire district is fitting helmets for bike giveaways.

Dick Clairmont – CC Railroad – Dick announced that Clark County has decided to advertise and fill the Railroad Coordinator position recently vacated by Fred Abraham. They have a new RR customer – a roofing company.

Sue Lintz – Minnehaha – Their next meeting is March 2 at Walnut Grove school at 7 p.m.

Marelyn Curtis – Truman – Their next meeting will be in early February. They met with WSDOT engineers about the SR-500 interchange at St John's and were presented with 3 options. She announced that at the West Precinct meeting they were told that the NOW program will move forward as previously announced at a NACCC meeting. For a volunteer form, contact Lin Whitney at linwhitney@clark.wa.gov.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary